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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-4 and 22 as follows:

(Twice Amended) A method of synthesizing an interframe predicted image of a current frame from a reference/mage comprising:

a first step for calculating the values of motion vectors between said interframe predicted image and said reference image for four representative points at coordinates (i,j), (i+p/j), (i, j+q), (i+p, j+q) of said interframe predicted image (where i, j, p, q are integers, the horizontal and vertical components of the motion vectors of the representative points taking the values of integral multiples of 1/k where k and the hk power of 2, and hk is a non-negative Externa pur Roce 11-26-02: integer),